

SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 26, 2014 – Regular Meeting

10:00 a.m. – San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Ron Bick, Clarence Brosmer, Joe Giraldi, Tom Ireland and Richard Redican

Absent: Ralph Young (excused)

County: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call of members established a quorum was present.

The minutes from December 5, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

Election of Officers

1. Mr. Brosmer nominated Mr. Bick as chair; Mr. Redican nominated Mr. Ireland as chair. Vote for Mr. Bick was two for and three opposed. Vote for Mr. Ireland was three for and two opposed. Mr. Ireland accepted the nomination.
2. Mr. Bick nominated Mr. Giraldi as vice; Mr. Ireland nominated Mr. Redican as vice, Mr. Redican declined the nomination; Mr. Giraldi accepted the nomination.

Old Business:

- Lock Maintenance status review and recommendations
 1. EHM Lock Inspection Report - Mr. Slade was not available to go over the EHM Lock inspection report and recommendations. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Mr. Slade and forward the status to the Committee via email. There was discussion regarding cleaning the marine life from the lock gates and gate seals. This is not included in the EHM estimate that was provided. The Committee agreed to wait to the next meeting to discuss this item after they receive the status update from Mr. Slade.
 2. Mobile-One Quote Review – Mr. Zielinski from Mobile-One was present to review and answer questions regarding the Mobile-One quote that was distributed to the Committee for review. Mr. Slade asked Mobile-One if they could improve the performance of the Radio Receiver for the South Gulf Cove Lock System. Several site meetings were done with Mr. Slade and Mr. Zielinski. There was extensive discussion regarding how the system worked in the past, how it works now and what to expect after Mobile-One makes repairs. Tests were run on the receiver and transmitters indicating that the system is better designed for a gate opener or a garage door opener, but not for the purpose that it is being used now. Mobile-One will continue to work with Mr. Slade and will guarantee that the communication portion of the system will work properly after the repairs are made. However, Mobile-One cannot guarantee the proper functioning of the lock mechanical system. The committee agreed that performing the work in the quote would put the system back to what it was and would definitely be a big improvement over what it is currently. Mr. Redican made a motion to move forward with accepting the Mobile-One quote and recommendation of repairs at a cost of \$11,878; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ireland with further discussion initiated by Mr. Giraldi. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed. Mobile-One will make the communication portion of the lock fully operational within 2-3 weeks of receiving a purchase order. Please refer to the attached Mobile-One Quote and referenced FPL Interference Investigation Report dated December 6, 2013 for details.
- Aquatic Weed Control – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that Mr. Hunter finished treatment this week with a new copper product and the crews reported good results. He will be ordering more of the product. Mr. Hunter asked that any complaints received be forwarded to him for follow up. He has no comment on the carp stocking, as the last stocking was not that long ago. The responsibility to budget for carp lies with West County's Stormwater Advisory Committee.

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- Financial Reports – The reports were distributed for review and discussion. No questions at this time.

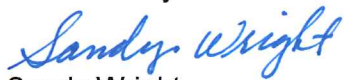
New Business:

- A boat hit an old concrete dock with wooden pilings located on the Zephyr Waterway at the Interceptor Lagoon. The Committee stated the damaged dock presents a hazard. The State or the County put two docks in when a former governor came to dedicate the area and it's not currently used for anything. The dock is located on private property. Mr. Ireland talked to the owner and previous owner but they won't do anything. The MSBU can't do work on private property. Mr. Ireland received an estimate through the County of \$3,500 to remove the dock and take it away. Two other estimates are pending. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Sign and Marking to see if there is any funding to remove the dock. There are specific funds set aside for safety maintenance in navigational waterways. Code Enforcement would also be an appropriate contact. The Committee wants the area to be made safe.
- Mr. Brosmer reported that the minimum wake signs on the Butterford Waterway are very faded. The day markers on the Santa Cruz Waterway and Interceptor Lagoon are also faded. Ms. Nothdurft will report to Sign and Marking.
- Mr. Redican reported that Charlotte County is issuing permits for new homes in section 94 of South Gulf Cove and the owners are clearing down to the water and obtaining permits for docks. Years ago those lots were assessed as dry lots and now they are being assessed as waterfront lots. The lots are 80 ft. x 125 ft., but people are going beyond the lot size and going into greenbelt area to clear mangroves and put in docks. Mr. Redican said this should not be allowed and explained that the greenbelt areas in section 94 are for common use and were required by the 1994 South Gulf Cove Covenant with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for water pollution control. Ms. Nothdurft will obtain contact information for the Committee members to follow-up with the appropriate County Planning & Zoning staff.

The next regular meeting scheduled is Wednesday June 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works

MEETING TIME: 10:00 P.M. – San Casa Conference Room